

Remarks

Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections.

Consideration of Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 included with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 17, 2001.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 14-22, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Publication No. 11-179061 ("JP '061"). The Examiner states that JP '061 discloses a method of producing multiple expressions in a toy comprising moving a first and a second facial element in a substantially simultaneous fashion. However, British Patent Application Publication No. GB 2331713 ("the GB Publication"), which is an English language counterpart of JP '061, suggests otherwise. The GB Publication states that the toy does not contain moveable facial elements, but rather an LCD panel serving to express facial elements, more specifically eyes. (See Col. 3, lines 6-7). The GB Publication states that the figure upon which the Examiner relies in rejecting Applicants' claims shows "patterns to be displayed on LCD of the stuffed toy animal." (See Col. 4, lines 19-20). The GB Publication does not disclose a method for producing multiple expressions comprising "moving a first facial element" in either "a first direction" or in a "second direction, the second direction being substantially perpendicular to the first direction," as recited in independent claim 14. Indeed, the GB Publication does not address movement of any *element* whatsoever. Accordingly, independent claim 14 is allowable over the cited reference.

Conclusion


All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding objections and rejections. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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